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Brief Summary: The NWSPNC commends the Planning Department for their continued efforts to reduce sign pollution in LA and respectfully requests that the following changes to the proposed ordinance: 1. The removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan from the designation as a Tier 1 Sign District. 2. The development of a process whereby Communities with small "Regional Centers", such as San Pedro and Wilmington, could be exempted from consideration as Tier 1 Districts

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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 Monthly Board & Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
 Harbor Division Station Community Room, San Pedro

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum of 16 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 25 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Present
Bob Bryant	Present
Pete Burmeister	Present
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Carolyn Grayson	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Present
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present
Joe Zaarour	Present
Vacant Board Seat	

2. **Election to fill vacant board seat** – There were no applicants for the vacant business seat, so the deadline was extended to May 7th and an election will be held at the next meeting on May 11, 2015.
3. **Public Official Reports** –
 - a. **Council District 15 Report:** Ryan Ferguson provided highlights from his written report. The following items were highlighted:
 - i. **Ponte Vista:** Demolition is expected to be complete this month. The iStar team is working with the Los Angeles Dept. of Building and Safety and Bureau of Engineering on permits for grading, which is expected to begin before the end of the 2nd quarter.
 - ii. **Sidewalk Settlement Agreement:** The City Council gave preliminary approval for a large settlement related to class action litigation filed in 2010 alleging that the City is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by not ensuring sidewalks were accessible to the disabled. Ryan outlined some of the terms of the settlement. See written report available on NWSPNC website. Ryan responded to board and stakeholder questions.
 - iii. **Legislative updates:** A motion was introduced directing the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and the Port of Los Angeles to report within 30 days to the Arts, parks, Heath,

Aging & River Committee on the feasibility of establishing a dog park in the inner Cabrillo Beach area. CF 15-0365. See complete report for other legislative updates.

iv. **Upcoming Events:**

1. **Hojas Tea House Ribbon Cutting:** On Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 2pm, 222 W. 6th St., San Pedro.
2. **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Terminal Island's Advanced Water Purification Facility Expansion:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 11:30am, Terminal Island Reclamation Plant, 445 Ferry Street, San Pedro.
3. **Pacific Ave Arts Colony Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting:** Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 12pm – 3pm, at 303 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.
4. **Grand Vision Foundation presents the Los Angeles Philharmonic:** Sunday, April 26, 2015, at 5pm, at the Warner Grand Theater, 478 W. 6th St., San Pedro.

v. General Board and stakeholder questions and comments were heard following Ryan's report.

b. **John Larson, Communications Director for Dr. Vladovic, President of LAUSD Board:**

- i. Dr. Vladovic voted against the work force reduction.
- ii. Dr. Vladovic voted against the early start school calendar. The 2015/2016 year will start August 18, 2015, one week later than this year.
- iii. A new three year agreement has tentatively been reached for health services.
- iv. Board members questioned future funding for the San Pedro Science Center.

c. **Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- i. The Port of Los Angeles is making one million dollars in grant money available to 501(c)3 organizations. Applications are due Monday, May 18, 2015, by 5pm. See the Port website for more information.
- ii. Starting Monday, May 4, 2015, the Northbound I-110/John S. Gibson Blvd. on-ramp will be closed for 90 days. See flyer and Port of LA website for detailed information.
- iii. On Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 10am to 3pm there will be free one-hour harbor boat tours. See flyer and the Port of LA website for more information.
- iv. Augie responded to general questions from the Board and stakeholders.

4. **First Responder's Report** – none

5. **Presentations/Conversations:**

- a. **State Senator Isadore Hall:** Representative Heather Hudd District Director for Senator Hall presented:
 - i. The budget process dictated that the Senator stay in Sacramento which is why he was unable to attend himself.
 - ii. They now have an office at 222 W. 6th Street, San Pedro, 310-514-8573.
 - iii. Ms. Hudd gave a statement of the Senators general vision and goals, including his efforts related to the Port shutdown and the truck drivers. One of the functions of their office is to advocate on behalf of constituents, as well as assist local agencies who need help with State Agencies.
 - iv. Ms. Hudd responded to general Board and stakeholder questions.

6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- a. **Bob Bryant** commented on the Red Car: He met with Mr. Bezmalinovich, Pat Nave and other Port officials to try and find a way to keep the Red Car. He stated there is a petition on Facebook to SAVE THE RED CAR and asked that people sign the petition.
- b. **Lanny Nelms** made statements regarding voting, the upcoming Presidential campaign and crime.
- c. **Tara and Faith:** On Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 1pm at the Warner Grand Theater, there will be a Bully Prevention Extravaganza fund raising event. A flyer with details of the event was distributed.

- d. **Ron Conrow**, Western District Manager from the Rancho LPG facility stated that on March 24th the online version of the Northwest Advocate mentioned a YouTube video about Rancho that he considers inflammatory. The new version of the Northwest Advocate has since replaced the last one and the video link is no longer on the site.
- e. **Art Alameida** requested financial support for the San Pedro Bay Historical Society to erect a bronze monument in dedication of the 100 year commemoration of the passing of Joe Hill. Mr. Hill was a resident of San Pedro and composer and labor activist.

7. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of March 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes: This item was removed from the consent calendar in order for a correction to the minutes. Craig Goldfarb asked to be marked as present as he did attend the first few minutes of the meeting but had to leave prior to any voting. Cynthia Gonyea asked to be marked excused and not absent as she had informed the President that she would not be able to attend. **Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the March 2015 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes as corrected, seconded by Scott Allman and passed with 15 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney, and Zaarour); 1 no (Jacobs), 0 abstentions.**
- b. Approval to request By-Laws Committee to review and make recommendations regarding DONE suggested By-Laws changes.
- c. Approval to request Community Vision Committee to review and recommend street repairs for the next round of Small Asphalt Repairs on September 30, 2015
Motion by Bob Bryant to approve items b. and c. (as shown above) by Consent, seconded by Scott Allman and passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney, and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

8. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – Report – Dan Dixon
 - i. **Discuss and consider motion affected Neighborhood Councils formally be included in any review, discussion or recommendations with respect to ATSAC signalization, “traffic calming”, traffic lane reductions, or any other major change that may affect traffic flow within the City.** The following amended language was brought forth from the Committee to be added to the motion in the agenda packet:
Whereas, currently apportion of the traffic signals on Western Avenue are under the jurisdiction of DOT and a portion are under the jurisdiction of CAL TRANS and the two systems do not communicate, which adds to the congestion on Western Avenue. As a part of this report we request that the DOT specifically look at how a single jurisdiction can be given the responsibility for all of the signals on Western Avenue in San Pedro/Rancho Palos Verdes.
Motion by Bob Bryant to approve amended language, seconded by Peter Burmeister and passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

Motion with approved amendment to read as follows:

ATSAC Signalization and other traffic measures:

*Whereas, the City Council has tasked the Department of Transportation (DOT) with reporting on the efficiency of the Automatized Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) System since its full implementation in 2013 (Council File 14-0813-S-1), and
Whereas, ATSAC signalization is but one component of the City’s effort and responsibility to enhance traffic and pedestrian movement and safety within the City, and
Whereas, the movement of traffic and pedestrians grows increasingly complex with population growth and community development, and*

Whereas, it is the citizens and stakeholders of individual neighborhoods who must deal with traffic modifications on a daily basis, and

Whereas, currently a portion of the traffic signals on Western Avenue are under the jurisdiction of DOT and a portion are under the jurisdiction of CAL TRANS and the two systems do not communicate, which adds to the congestion on Western Avenue.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon the City and specifically the Department of Transportation (DOT) to engage the community and Neighborhood Councils in discussion, review and recommendations with respect not only to AT&T signalization but other major changes that may affect traffic flow within affected Neighborhood Council boundaries. These changes may include, but not be limited to: additional signalization, “traffic calming”, or traffic lane reductions.

As a part of this report we request that the DOT specifically look at how a single jurisdiction can be given the responsibility for all of the signals on Western Avenue in San Pedro/Rancho Palos Verdes;

Be It Further Resolved, that such traffic changes should be shared with NC’s through an “early warning” system similar to the tracking of development changes and reviews by the Planning Department, and publically disseminated to NC’s.

Motion from committee with approved amendment as shown above passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

- ii. **Discuss and consider motion requesting DOT study of bike lane usage on Capitol Dr., Westmont Dr., and 25th St.** The following motion was brought forth from the committee for approval:

Bike Lane Usage:

Whereas, the addition of bike lanes and reduction in traffic lanes have occurred in Northwest San Pedro. These modifications have proven controversial in the community, and
Whereas, the impact on traffic flow has been negative, and no real use of the bicycle lanes has been observed, now

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the L.A. Department of Transportation to undertake a study of bike lanes, specifically on Capitol Drive, Westmont Drive and 25th Street, and report results to the community.

Motion to amend by Laurie Jacobs to remove Capitol Dr. from the motion, seconded by Scott Allman. After discussion the **motion to amend failed** with 0 yes, 16 no (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 abstentions

Original Motion from committee as presented above, passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

- iii. **Discuss and consider motion regarding joining with other NCs to form area-wide Parks and Recreation committee:** The following motion was brought forth by the committee for consideration:

Recreation and Parks:

Whereas, many community issues are exclusive or important to individual neighborhood councils, and

Whereas, some issues involve the larger community as public facilities are for use by all stakeholders and visitors, now

Therefore, the NWSPNC joins with other Harbor-area neighborhood councils in recognizing the need for a joint Recreation and Parks committee.

Motion from committee approved as presented with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

- b. **Port Committee** – Report – Phil Nicolay/Pat Nave – no report
- c. **Green Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez – no report
- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
 - i. **Discuss and consider authorizing funds not to exceed \$600.00 for purchase of 1,000 pins with Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council imprint for use at Pathways to Employment and other outreach events.** Motion by **Darlene Zavalney** to approve an amount not to exceed \$600.00 for the purchase of 1,000 pins, seconded by **Roger Cuevas** and passed with 15 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions, 1 ineligible (Zaarour).
 - ii. **Discuss and consider funding Cabrillo Beach Boosters 4th of July Spectacular for a minimum of \$1,000 up to \$2,500 depending on availability of funds.** Motion to amend by **Craig Goldfarb** as follows; \$0 to Cabrillo Beach Boosters, \$500 to Leland Park and \$1,000 to San Pedro Art Association, seconded by **Sarah Valdez**. **Motion to amend failed** with 6 yes (Burmeister, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Schach, and Valdez); 9 no (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Grayson, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, and Zavalney), 0 abstentions, 1 ineligible (Zaarour).
 Motion by **Diana Nave** to amend funding as follows; \$500 to Cabrillo Beach Boosters, \$500 to Leland Park and \$500 to San Pedro Art Association, seconded by **Bob Bryant** and passed with 12 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Grayson, Jacobs, Schach, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez and Zavalney); 3 no (Burmeister, Goldfarb and Gonyea), 0 abstentions, 1 ineligible (Zaarour).
 - iii. **Discuss and consider being a Bronze sponsor at Leland Park by allocating \$500.00 to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, Sponsorship includes a banner and booth at the Spring Fling and mention on all emails and literature.** See motion under 8dii above.
 - iv. **Discuss and consider funding San Pedro Art Association in the amount of \$500.00 to sponsor student art contest. Exhibit to run from June 7th to September 1st at Crafted.** See motion under 8dii above.
 - v. Pathways to Employment update – Laurie Jacobs –There are only 11 days until the event. They need more volunteers, someone to watch the parking lot in the afternoon and someone for clean-up.
- e. **Planning and Land Use Committee** – Report – Diana Nave
 - i. **Discuss and consider approval of Community Impact Statement on Draft Sign Ordinance (CF 12-1611) asking that San Pedro be excluded as a potential Sign District.** CIS language follows:
Community Impact Statement
Draft Ordinance regarding the Establishment of Sign Districts
 Council File Nos. 08-202-, 11-0724, 11-1705 and 12-1611
The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council commends the Planning Department for their continued efforts to reduce sign pollution in Los Angeles and respectfully requests that the following changes to the proposed ordinance:
 1. **The removal of the Port of Los Angeles Plan from the designation as a Tier 1 Sign District.** *The Port of Los Angeles is very different from the Los Angeles International Airport and should not be treated in the same manner. The Port has work diligently with the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington to beautify the waterfront and increase its attractiveness as a tourist designation. The primary drawing card for the Port is the view of the water not found elsewhere in Los Angeles. In fact, the Port has bought out billboards in order to take them down. The Port has committed \$200 million over the next ten years to the infrastructure improvements needed to make this a world-class waterfront and is in negotiations currently for the redevelopment of Ports O Call. Allowing the development of a sign district within the Port Plan area would be detrimental to these goals.*
 2. **The development of a process whereby Communities with small “Regional Centers”, such as San Pedro and Wilmington, could be exempted from consideration as Tier 1 Districts.**

The San Pedro “Regional Center” is a small historic downtown that could easily be overwhelmed by any sign district. For the most part its buildings are one and two stories tall. The Community Redevelopment Agency and the City Planning Department worked diligently to restore the historic elements and develop planning guidelines consistent with this vision. The resulting Downtown San Pedro Community Design Overlay District (ordinance 129,935) explicitly prohibits billboards:

Standard 14c: The following signs are prohibited: billboards, free-standing pole signs, banners, illuminated architectural canopy signs, inflatable devices, blinking or scrolling signs, canister wall or canister blade signs, and signs with vinyl letters.

Furthermore, a Greening Plan is currently underdevelopment to improve the aesthetics of downtown San Pedro. Billboards would be contrary to that plan

Motion from committee to approve CIS as shown above passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

ii. **Discuss and consider approval of Comments on the Western Avenue Design**

Guidelines. The following Guidelines in the form of a letter were presented as follows:

Joel Rojas

Community Development Director

City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Heather Anderson

Office of Councilmember Buscaino

City of Los Angeles

Re: Proposed Western Avenue Design Implementation Guidelines

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Western Avenue Design Implementation Guidelines. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council represents the residents of the City of Los Angeles who live adjacent to the Western Avenue Corridor and use it on a daily basis.

We have long been concerned about the congestion and the general appearance of this area. The Guidelines contain many great ideas for improving the Western Avenue Corridor. We do however have some concerns and additional recommendations.

It is important to note that Western is a major transportation corridor and not a local neighborhood street. The movement of cars and buses must be a primary goal of any plan.

Our suggestions/recommendations are as follows:

- Outside dining areas, while desirable, should be located away from Western Avenue, not adjacent to it.*
- A Dash-type bus route should be developed that runs from Peck Park to Albertson’s on a continuous loop. Stops should include the parking lots of major shopping areas, as well as a connection to the existing LADOT Dash line at Park Plaza. Such a bus route has the potential to reduce traffic on Western, reduce Green House Gas emissions, and increase pedestrian activity.*
- Develop pedestrian lanes through major parking lots—preferably landscaped—to invite walking between destinations.*
- To improve pedestrian safety, install crosswalks that connect the sidewalks that currently intersect auto driveways facing Western.*
- Bicycle lanes should be adjacent to the sidewalk, separated by low plantings or other barriers. Further, if there are bicycle lanes, parking should not be allowed on Western Avenue.*
- The long-range plan should include the widening of the exit from Park Plaza Shopping Center at Crestwood Avenue, in order to add a dedicated right turn lane.*
- The City of Los Angeles should create a street behind the Park Plaza Shopping Center, connecting Park Western to Peck Park. This would reduce some of the traffic on Western, as well as assist with the problem of people turning left at the Park Plaza-Crestwood exit.*
- Consider developing an entrance into Peck Park from Western Avenue that would connect directly into the existing parking lot.*

- *We oppose the proposal to reduce the curb cuts into the various shopping centers on the east side of Western because the connecting streets, particularly Park Western and Westmont, are challenged to accommodate the ingress and egress that currently exists. Increasing the use of those “side entrances” will only aggravate the situation. Additionally, the recently installed bicycle lanes on Westmont and Capitol have added confusion at those entrances/exits. Consider including in any long range plan, the acquisition of property along the front of the shopping centers to install dedicated right turn lanes.*
- *Streetscapes should include hydration stations such as those along the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. Hydration station infrastructure would support and encourage increased pedestrian activity and especially increased bicycle activity. As a public health benefit, hydrations stations ensure that all community members and visitors have adequate access to clean water at all times and in all types of weather conditions. Lastly, Hydration stations support and encourage the use of reusable water bottles, thus reducing the amount of carbon emissions created in the production of single-use plastic bottles.*
- *A single jurisdiction for the traffic signals along Western needs to be created to improve traffic flow.*

Thank you for considering these comments. We look forward to seeing the completed guidelines and implementation plans.

*Sincerely,
Ray Regalado, President
Cc: Joe Buscaino, Patrick O'Donnell, Kit Foxx*

Motion from committee as presented above passed with 15 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 1 abstention (Goldfarb)

- iii. **Discuss and consider approval of Motion regarding the Extension of the Light Rail System to the Port of Los Angeles.** The following motion was brought forth by the Committee: (Note: words in red added by amendment, see next page).
Motion for the extension of the LA Metro Light Rail system to the Port of Los Angeles
Whereas the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is considering the development of a ballot proposition for 2016; and
Whereas Metro has invited community input regarding the content of such a proposition; and
Whereas there is a the lack of connectivity by public transit between the major transportation hub that is the LA Cruise Terminal at the Port of Los Angeles and the remainder of the city; and
Whereas there will be increased traffic impacts from the waterfront development; and
Whereas LA Metro owns 90% of the needed Right of Way to create a link between the cruise ship terminal and LAX. An extension of the Green Line to the cruise terminal at the Port of Los Angeles was studied in Metro's Alternative Analysis Study - November 2009 and with construction beginning on the Airport Metro Connector station the case for this rail alternative to the 405 between LAX and the Port is even stronger; and
Whereas a key factor in establishing rail as an alternative to car trips is to reach a critical mass of coverage such that major transportation hubs and points of interest are connected and the Port of Los Angeles is both such types of destination; and
Whereas a light rail link with dedicated right-of-way would help alleviate congestion and reduce associated air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and as seen in the recent 405 Sepulveda Pass expansion, additional highway lanes do not guarantee a decreased travel time.
Now therefore the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the extension of LA Metro light rail (green line) to the Port of Los Angeles, and requests that Metro, the Mayor, the Council Office, and the Assemblyman assist in securing the inclusion of this project in the proposed 2016 ballot measure and any other appropriate funding opportunities.
The NWSPNC **strongly supports the extension of the Silver Line (bus line) to San Pedro and** further requests that a study be conducted for a direct light rail connection between San Pedro and downtown Los Angeles.

Diana Nave moved to amend the final paragraph to add the words, “**strongly supports the extension of the Silver Line (bus line) to San Pedro and..**” Motion to amend seconded by Laurie Jacobs and approved with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Motion from committee as amended passed with 16 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Schach, Thompson, Valdez, Zavalney and Zaarour); 0 no, 0 abstentions

- iv. Navy Defense Fuel Depot update. All the fuel has been removed. There are four options being considered, three would be partial closures and a fourth would be a complete closure.
 - v. The next meeting of the Planning and Land Use Committee is Wednesday, April 15th at 6pm. They will be discussing the Urban Greening Plan.
 - f. **Public Safety Committee:** Carolyn Grayson provided a written report in the agenda package.
 - i. **Discuss Emergency Preparedness Meeting revised budget.** Motion by **Daniel Dixon** to approve Emergency Preparedness Budget as follows:
 - Water (5 pks /24 bottles) \$25.00*
 - Coffee (5 Starbucks boxes) \$75.00*
 - Pizza (Nick's) & cookies \$120.00*
 - Publicity \$480.00*
 - Banner \$65.00*
 - Flyers \$315.00*
 - Outreach \$100.00*
 - Rentals/custodian Custodial \$50.00*
 - Total \$750.00*
 - ii. Motion seconded by **Bob Bryant** and passed with 14 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister , Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions (Barbara Schach and Joe Zaarour no longer present at meeting).
 - g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Consider Approval of March Expenditure Report: Motion by **Bob Bryant** to approve the March expenditure report as presented in the agenda package, seconded by **Daniel Dixon** passed with 14 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - ii. Consider Approval of March Budget. Motion by **Daniel Dixon** to approve March budget as presented in the agenda package, seconded by **Bob Bryant** passed with 14 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - h. **Executive Committee** – Ray Regalado – no report
9. **HANC Report:** Diana Nave provided a brief summary from the written report which was provided in the agenda package.
- a. There was discussion with LAPD about opening the Harbor Division jail and officers being moved so often.
 - b. There were updates about on line voting and by laws by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - c. The next HANC meeting is May 6, 2015.
10. **Other Reports**
- a. **Budget Representative's Report**
 - i. Craig Goldfarb reported on the Budget Advocates meeting.

- ii. **Discuss and consider a motion to support a Harbor Area Budget Day.** Motion by **Craig Goldfarb** to approve support for having a Harbor Area Budget Day, seconded by **Daniel Dixon**. Motion passed with 13 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - iii. **Discuss and consider a motion for a Harbor Area Budget Town Hall to take place in the Harbor Region. This has been discussed and supported at a recent HANC meeting.** Motion by **Craig Goldfarb** to approve support for having a Harbor Area Budget Town Hall, seconded by **Daniel Dixon** and passed with 13 yes (Allman, Bryant, Burmeister, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - iv. **Discuss and consider a motion to allocate funds to support Budget Advocate activities and Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhood.** Motion by **Craig Goldfarb** to approve allocating \$500 to support Budget Advocate activities and the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods, seconded by **George Thompson** and passed with 12 yes (Allman, Bryant, Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Grayson, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, and Zavalney); 0 no, 0 abstention (Burmeister)
 - v. **Discuss appointing Budget Representatives for City Budget Day.** Item tabled.
- b. **Discuss and recommend action on the following City Hall motion – From Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee:** Motion (Wesson, Jr. – Krekorian – 15-0389) - That the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and in consultation with interested Neighborhood Councils, be requested to report allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the Council, its committees, City Commissions, and boards with sufficient time to present the official view of their Neighborhood Council Boards or Alliances. Diana Nave stated that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has already taken this position. She stated that the next step is for NWSPNC to file a community impact statement.
11. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items** - none
12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. Next Meeting May 11, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheryl Akerblom and Kristina Smith for NWSPNC

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